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PREFACE

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YEREVAN TRAINING AREA AGAVNATUN

(40-14N 044-13E)

YEREVAN, ARMENIAN SSR, USSR

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AL No: [REDACTED]

COMOR No:

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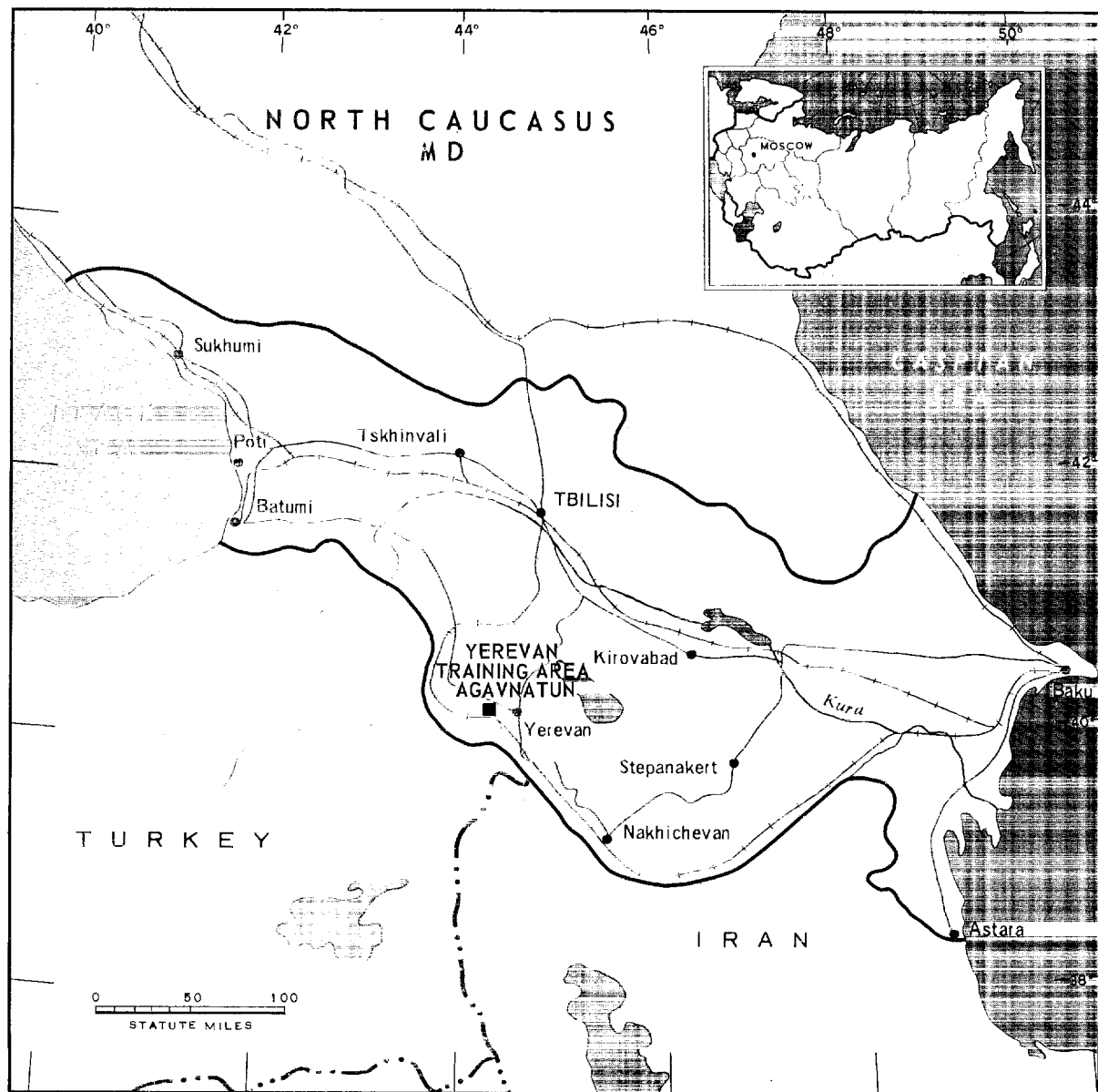


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF YEREVAN TRAINING AREA AGAVNATUN.

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SUMMARY

Yerevan Training Area Agavnatun, an extensive artillery training facility, is 32 kilometers (km) due west of Yerevan and 8 km northeast of Oktemberyan (Figure 1). The area probably serves as a field training center and firing range for all artillery units in the vicinity of Yerevan. It covers approximately 75 square miles and is marked by numerous firing ranges and artillery emplacements. A cantonment area consisting of 17 permanent buildings and approximately 400 tent bases is located in the eastern section of the training

facility. Adjacent to the cantonment area is a large motor park with 25-35 unidentifiable vehicles discernible in [REDACTED]. A second motor park is located on the southern edge of the training area. This is probably a vehicle or weapon maintenance section (Figure 2). [REDACTED] covered the area. Comparison with earlier reports reveals no significant changes or seasonal variations in training activity.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

The training area is accessible by many unimproved, second class roads. Many of these roads lead into the first class, hard-surfaced road linking Echmiadzin and Oktemberyan.

Administration and Troop Housing Area

Area D contains a multistory administration building, a single-story administration building, and 15 support buildings.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 is a 2,000- by 500- foot vehicle motor park. There are no maintenance facilities discernible.

Area J2 contains a 1,000- by 600-foot vehicle motor park and two 150- by 50-foot vehicle maintenance buildings.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Ranges

Areas P1 through P7 are flat-trajectory firing ranges.

Area P1 contains nine 4,000- foot lanes with no apparent targets.

Area P2 contains seven 3,000- foot lanes with no apparent targets.

Area P3 contains five 3,000- foot lanes with no apparent targets. This range has probably not been used recently.

Area P4 contains six 4,000- foot lanes with no apparent targets. This range is probably no longer used for firing.

Area P5 contains an undetermined number of 4,000- foot lanes with no apparent targets.

Area P6 contains seven 4,000- foot lanes with no apparent targets. This range probably has not been used recently.

Area P7 contains seven 4,000- foot lanes with no apparent target. There are no turn-around loops or moving target tracks; therefore, this range is not considered to be a tank or tracked SP gun range.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q1 is a field artillery emplacement

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with approximately 13 firing positions. It is 20,000 yards to the probable impact area.

Area Q2 is a field artillery emplacement with approximately 10 firing positions. It is 10,000 yards to the probable impact area.

Area Q3 is a field artillery emplacement with approximately 15 firing positions. It is 10,000 yards to the probable impact area.

Infantry or Combined Arms Field Training Area or Courses

Area R has much random trackage and the ground has the appearance of an artillery impact

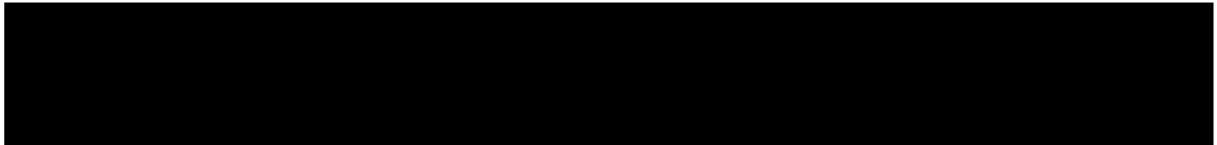
area. The type of training carried out here could be combined infantry-armor attack preceded by an artillery barrage.

Unidentified Facilities or Tracking Activity

Area T is special-purpose range with a clearly defined firing line on the hill to the northeast. The two diagonal slashes to the southwest apparently are not moving target tracks. The exact purpose of this range cannot be determined, although it is possible that it is a direct-fire artillery range.

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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